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**May 26, 1998**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary, FCC  
Room 222  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Salas,

I am filing in support of the Petition for Rule Making filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. The urgency of this matter requires immediate attention. I applaud the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

Roy Walker Communications, Inc. is a Motorola Authorized communications equipment dealer that serves the southern twenty-two counties of Illinois from two locations, one south of Carbondale, and the other in Mount Vernon. Having been in business over 23 years, I feel we know the people in our area and their needs for both now and in the future. Our company provides employment to twenty-two persons that live in southern Illinois. Not only do we offer sales and repair of communication equipment, we also offer communication service to the public. These services include community repeater service, SMRR (specialized mobile radio relay) trunking service, cellular telephone service, and both local and wide-area paging services. Being able to communicate without interference or loss of service is one of the most important tools available to both the business and private sectors in America.

Even though the number of businesses and personal communication requirements have increased, the spectrum containing frequencies available for use has not. This has led to increasing interference and congestion of the airwaves. Persons trying to communicate to employees and others are finding it more difficult than ever. The lack of frequencies available make two-way communication less attractive to the prospective user...in some cases, the reputation of interference and congestion of the airwaves cloud the perception of what two-way communications was designed for and can really offer. Many persons using two-way communication years back are frustrated and are looking for an alternative. In cases of imminent danger, radio users have not been able to reach others for help, resulting in injury or perhaps loss of life.

Commercial communication systems such as cellular, or PCS cannot offer the flexibility, or area of coverage at an affordable cost like two-way radio can. This is most evident in rural

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areas such as our area of service where we don't even have PCS available. Cellular coverage is less than desirable and cost each time that unit is used. Two-way radio offers an immediate response from the person being called, an acceptable coverage area, and durable equipment all at an affordable price.

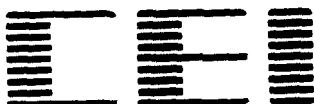
As you know, two-way communication is very important to people. It helps give them the opportunity to be efficient and profitable as they run their businesses. With the addition of new frequencies, they will be encouraged perhaps to expand their operations since communication will be more reliable...they will put more trust in their communication system...their communication system will again be an integral part of their business! All this means more sales and service for people that are in the communications business.

I urge the FCC to address these issues quickly. The problems we have now due to the lack of spectrum and frequencies available, are compounding and require immediate attention.

sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy L. Walker".

Roy L. Walker, President  
Roy Walker Communications, Inc.



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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
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Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

As a Rhode Island Communications dealer and also a land mobile radio licensee, I am writing in support for the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users, like ourselves and our customers. We applaud the Commission for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

Challenge Electronics Inc. is a full service communications "Two-way" dealer, representing over 1300 Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts companies and municipalities. During the past several years, spectrum for existing user expansion or new radio users has been exceeding difficult or impossible to obtain. Additionally, channels and systems in certain bands which had previously been available, have been purchased or sold to large nationwide system operators, removing the availability of local, low cost regional systems.

This lack of spectrum severely impacts both our customers and our business in several ways. Radio use increases end user productivity and protects the safety of employees. The lack therefore of radio channels directly correlates to the profitability and future of our company as a license holder and its 8 employees due to the inability to provide additional systems and channels.

Commercial systems such as cellular, PCS and national SMR cannot solve the needs of many users, especially dispatch radio and local two-way system users.

New radio spectrum allocations, specifically dedicated to Private Users and Business's is necessary for the future for our customers, and our business.

Thank you in advance for promptly addressing these concerns.

Very truly yours,  
Challenge Electronics Inc.

Ronald A. Hopkins, President

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From: Jerry Seligman <w7bun@wa.net>  
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Date: 5/29/98 3:48am  
Subject: RM-9267

1. I believe that granting primary status on the 70 cm band to the Private Mobile Radio Service would severely restrict the use of amateur communications for public service and emergency communications.
2. RM-9267, if enacted, would reduce or eliminate signal research for scientific purposes on these frequencies.
3. This band is FULLY utilized in major population centers attesting to its need by the Amateur Radio Service.
4. The various mobile services have made little attempt to reduce the bandwidth (and therefore increase the number of channels available) on their currently assigned frequencies. The Amateur Radio Service continues to implement new techniques for more efficient spectrum usage. RM-9267 would, in effect, punish amateurs by promoting wasteful spectrum usage by the various mobile services.
5. The National Weather Service SKYWARN system, which warns of severe weather in the tornado and hurricane areas of the U. S., would suffer or be eliminated by loss of interference-free frequencies if this proposal is implemented.
6. The FCC has five statements of Basis and Purpose for the existence of the Amateur Radio Service. One statement is, "To provide emergency or public service communications when normal communications are disrupted." Implementing the proposal in RM-9267 violates FCC's own statement, since the disruption of such emergency communications would be disastrous.
7. Amateurs, nationwide, have millions of dollars invested in equipment to utilize the 70 cm band. This investment was made with the expectation and understanding that the FCC would protect the interests of the Amateur Radio Service in the future.
8. The amateur allocation of 420-450 MHz (70 cm) band was made a secondary, shared, allocation due to the needs of the government during the Cold War. The Cold War is over! The Amateur Radio Service should be given a primary status on this band!

Considering the above facts, I STRONGLY URGE the Commission to REJECT the proposal in RM-9267. The LMCC has not proven that their need for this band is greater than the Amateur Radio Service's need, and the FCC should mandate improved narrow bandwidth techniques by all the Land Mobile Service users in their current spectrum allocations.

Respectfully submitted,

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